

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

fresh revolution broke out, and the family of Jacopo d' Appij were in their turn pursued by the populace, Tora sheltered wife and daughters of her father's murderer in the cloister retreat that she had closed against her brother.

To Barduccio Canigiani, Don Giovanni dalle Celle written a beautiful letter of spiritual consolation on Catherine's death, tenderly inviting him to come to Vallombrosa and once more one of his sons in religion. "Come, most beloved son, to him who of old was thy father; come to thy brethren who are expecting thee with such great desire that they will think they are receiving an Angel of God, if thou come." But Catherine had disposed otherwise. "When the holy virgin was departing from this world," writes Fra Raimondo "she bade him join me and lead his life according to my direct! which I think she did because she knew that he would live in the body but a short while. For, after the virgin's death Barduccio contracted the malady which the physicians consumption, and, albeit he sometimes seemed to grow better nevertheless, finally died of it. Wherefore, I, fearing lest the people of Rome would harm him, sent him to Siena, where, after a time, he passed away to Christ. Those who were present at his death bear witness that, whilst he was at his last breath, gazing high with a glad countenance, he began to laugh, and so, with a look of joy, he gave up the ghost, in such wise that the signs of joyous laugh still appeared in his dead body. This thing, I think, befell because in his passing he beheld her, whom

in life he
 loved with true charity of heart, robed in
 splendour, coming
 gladness to meet him."² Barduccio died in
 December, 1380
 Siena. His father and brother were
 already dead; M
 Ristoro had died at Lucca, in December, 1380 ;
 Piero Cani
 himself, persecuted and put under bounds by the
 Republic, p,
 away in exile at Sarzana, in August, 1381.³ Of
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¹ *Letiere del B. Giovanni dalle Celle*, 26.^a *Legenda*, III. i. 11
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⁸ *Anommo Fiorentino*, pp. 422, 428. Niccol6 Soderini
 died at Luc
 March 20, 1381. *Ibid.*, p. 423. In the reaction of
 1382, Carlo Stroz:
 Tommaso Soderini were recalled to Florence.